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: AUTOMATIC DOCUMENT FEEDING APPARATUS AND DOCUMENT

READING APPARATUS

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## RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement of November 8, 2004, the applicant elects group II, claims 1 to 9, drawn to first and second transport means, a curved reading path between the first and second transport means and a reading quide unit in a document feeder. Please examine the application.

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